

# HITTING BIG TIME

## Donovan set to face classy Cuban before a crowd of 15,000

**E**RIC Donovan got a good look at Robeisy Ramirez when the classy Cuban won Olympic gold medals at both the London and Rio Olympic Games.



by **MARK GALLAGHER**

The affable Athy native was behind the microphone, explaining to an RTE audience just what made Ramirez such an exceptional boxer. It never crossed his mind that one day, he would be standing opposite him in the ring.

However this evening, in front of 15,000 raucous fight fans in Glasgow, that is exactly where he will be.

'It's funny, I commented on his fights in 2012 and 2016, so I got a chance to have a look at up close, so I know just how good he is. There's no getting away from it, he is a class operator.' Donovan concedes. 'But you never know in boxing. This fight has the potential to completely change my career, the doors that will open up if I win.'

The featherweight contest will be the chief support bout on the undercard to Josh Taylor putting his undisputed light-welterweight crown on the line against Jack Catterall, and Donovan will be able to count on plenty of support in the OVO Hydro Arena. The fight will also be broadcast live on Sky Sports. No wonder Donovan calls tonight the biggest of his entire career.

'Walking out in front of 15,000 people and that atmosphere in Glasgow, it is dream come true stuff for me,' says the 36-year-old former European bronze medalist.

'If you don't dream of doing that, don't want that sort of experience, you would have to question what are you in boxing for? This is what all that training is for, these sort of fights. 'I could have stayed in the comfort zone and been a big fish in a small pond, but that is not what boxing is about for me.

'It is about leaving a legacy and testing myself against the very best and they don't get much better than a double Olympic champion.'

Donovan's story has been well-told at this stage, a five-time national champion and popular, long-standing member of the IABA High Performance Unit, he has previously admitted how alcohol issues derailed his potential as an amateur.

Having hung up his gloves in 2013 following the disappointment of missing the London Olympics, he decided to become a pro boxer in 2016, driven by the sense of unfulfilled promise.

Ramirez (left) has quite the



Ready: Eric Donovan poses for the press in Glasgow GETTY

back-story, too. He defected from Cuba in 2018 with the help of a husband and wife team from Florida, having walked out during of a training camp in Mexico. He has subsequently not been allowed back to his native island to see his young daughter.

He lost on his pro debut to Adan Gonzales, but avenged that defeat in his fifth paid bout and is currently on a winning streak of eight successive bouts.

Donovan is a 14/1 underdog and he knows the odds are stacked against him. The Kildare fighter's performance in defeat to Zelfa Barrett live on Sky Sports did gain him a new following in the UK, to add to his many Irish fans, but he says that he has improved even since then, as he has joined

up with Paschal Collins, one of Ireland's foremost trainers.

'In the last 18 months, I have made some serious headway as a pro under Packie Collins.

'I have learnt to manage my rounds better, manage my energy levels better.

'When I fought Barrett, I was still fighting as an amateur, still relying on my amateur instinct. When you are in there for ten rounds, you need to be able to pace yourself correctly so you are not slowing down in the later rounds.

'Since hooking up with Packie, I feel like I am being taught how to box properly as a pro, how to settle down and how to move my head and put more power into my punches. Packie is brilliant at all

of that and every time I leave his gym, I feel like I have learnt something new and he has given me something else to work on and think about.

'When I turned professional at 31, people were saying what was I doing, that I was too old and I was wasting my time but this fight shows that I wasn't wasting my time.

'I wanted a big fight against one of the very best, a world-class operator, the elite of the elite. And if our plan works and I can beat him, a world of opportunity will open up.'

**Eric Donovan v Robeisy Ramirez is on undercard of Josh Taylor v James Catterall and is live on Sky Sports Action, 7pm**

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Company Secretary: [Shirley.Fanning@1skill.com](mailto:Shirley.Fanning@1skill.com), Suite 10, 10 Lido Business Park, Lonsdale Row, Dublin 12

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

1. Aervine Wexler intend applying for planning permission for the conversion of the site into a single-story space use, projecting dormer window to the rear, second height of gable wall, to include two new windows, modify existing hipped roof and all ancillary site works to existing two-story semi-detached dwelling No. 46 Rossmore Park, Templeogue, Dublin 6W.

The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of South Dublin County Council during its public opening hours during its public opening hours of 9am - 4pm, Mon-Fri, and a submission or observation may be made to South Dublin County Council in writing and on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by South Dublin County Council of the application.

**DUN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

1. Emma Kawinghi intend to apply for Permission for development at this site at No.24 Hillside Drive, Dublin 14 (D14 N9V7).

The development will consist of:

- Demolition of existing single storey structures and garage to the side of the main dwelling (including party & laundry walls and existing chimney to main dwelling)
- Alterations to the existing new single storey extension and bay window to the front elevation
- Construction of a new single storey extension to the side of the existing house and to the rear to include the existing single storey extension
- Increase in floor to 3.5M of the existing vehicular entrance
- All associated demolitions, new openings, internal layout, alterations site landscaping, drainage and ancillary works.

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**DUN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

Ms. Fiances Ardoush and Ms. Maryem Shafiq intend to apply for Permission and Permission for development at this site 53 Erin Villa, Glasnevin, Co. Dublin A51E3C27.

The development will consist of:

- Removal of alterations to roof height approved under Grant of Permission Ref No. D1819125.

Retention of alterations in front porch roof approved under Grant of Permission Ref No. D1819125.

- Retention of additional area added to the rear of the ground floor extension approved under Grant of Permission Ref No. D1819125.
- Construction of a new single storey link extension to the side.
- Alterations to windows and doors, including to front, side and rear at ground floor including reinstatement of front door position approved under Grant of Permission Ref No. D1819125.
- New windows, openings to front and side at ground and first floor.
- New rooflight to full roof of existing two storey extension.
- All associated internal alterations, drainage and ancillary works.

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**FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

Ms. Michael & Ciara Monstrel intend to apply for planning permission for development at the site next to No.3 The Sycamore, Kilsheen, Co. Dublin. The development will consist of the erection of a new two storey dwelling and associated garage, new garden boundary walls to the north and west, new vehicular entrance and all associated internal, site drainage and landscaping work.

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